

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data in a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

reading identifying information which identifies the recording media from the recording media; and

recording the data on the recording media only when the read identifying information is the same as stored identifying information which was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out.

2. (original) The recording method according to claim 1, wherein the step of recording the data includes encoding the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

3. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data in a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

discriminating whether identifying information which identifies the recording media is recorded on the recording media;

preparing the identifying information which identifies the recording media when the discriminating step discriminates that the identifying information is not recorded on the recording media;

recording the prepared identifying information and the data on the recording media when the identifying information was not previously stored on the recording media; and

storing the prepared identifying information in the recording device.

4. (original) The recording method according to claim 3, wherein the step recording the data includes encoding

the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

5. (previously presented) The recording method according to claim 3, wherein the identifying information is prepared based on the information peculiar to the recording device.

6. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data on a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

discriminating whether identifying information which identifies a recording media is recorded on the recording media;

when the discriminating step discriminates that the identifying information is not recorded on the recording media,

~~preparing the identifying information, when the identifying information is not recorded on the recording media as a result of the step of discriminating,~~

recording the prepared identifying information and the data on the recording media, and

storing the discriminated identifying information in the recording device; and

when the discriminating step discriminates that the identifying information is recorded on the recording media,

reading the identifying information from the recording media, ~~when the identifying information is recorded on the recording media as a result of the step of discriminating,~~ and

recording the data in the recording media when the identifying information read from the recording media is the same as the identifying information which

was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out, and not recording the data in the recording media when the identifying information read from the recording media is different ~~from~~ than the identifying information which was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out.

7. (original) The recording method according to claim 6, wherein the step of recording the data includes encoding the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

8. (previously presented) The recording method according to claim 6, wherein the identifying information is prepared based on information peculiar to the recording device.

9. (previously presented) A recording device for recording data in a recording media; said recording device comprising:

reading means for reading from the recording media identifying information which identifies the recording media;

storing means for storing the identifying information;
and

discriminating means for discriminating whether the identifying information read by the reading means is the same as stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, wherein when the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information read by the reading means is the same as the stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, the data is recorded in the recording media, and wherein when the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information read by the reading means is different from the

stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, the data is not recorded in the recording media.

10. (original) The recording device according to claim 9, wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

11. (previously presented) A recording device for recording data in a recording media, said recording device comprising:

discriminating means for discriminating whether identifying information which identifies the recording media is recorded in the recording media;

preparing means for preparing the identifying information; and

storing means for storing the identifying information, wherein when the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information is not recorded in the recording media, the preparing means prepares the identifying information, the prepared identifying information and the data are recorded in the recording media, and the prepared identifying information is stored in the storing means.

12. (original) The recording device according to claim 11, wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

13. (previously presented) The recording device according to claim 11, wherein the preparing means prepares the identifying information based on information peculiar to the recording device.

14. (previously presented) A recording device for recording data in a recording media, said recording device comprising:

reading means for reading from the recording media identifying information which identifies the recording media;

preparing means for preparing the identifying information; and

storing means for storing the identifying information, wherein when the reading means discriminates that the identifying information is not recorded on the recording media, the preparing means prepares the identifying information, the prepared identifying information and the data are recorded in the recording media, and the prepared identifying information is stored in the storing means, and when the reading means discriminates that the identifying information is recorded in the recording media, the data is recorded on the recording media.

15. (original) The recording device according to claim 14, wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

16. (previously presented) The recording device according to claim 14, wherein the preparing means prepares the identifying information based on information peculiar to the recording device.

17. (currently amended) A reproducing method, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

discriminating whether identifying information which identifies the recording media is recorded on a recording media; and

when the discriminating step discriminates that the identifying information is recorded on the recording media,

reading, ~~identifying information and data from a~~
~~the recording media, in which the identifying~~
~~information identifies the recording media and in~~
~~which the identifying information and the data encoded~~
~~based on the identifying information are recorded,~~

decoding the read data to produce reproducing
data based on the read identifying information, and

performing a reproduction using the reproducing
data.

18. (currently amended) A reproducing device, comprising:

reading means for discriminating whether identifying
information which identifies the recording media is
recorded on a recording media, and when the reading means
discriminates that the identifying information is recorded
on the recording media, for reading the identifying
information and data from a~~the recording media, in which~~
~~the identifying information identifies the recording media~~
~~and in which the identifying information and the data being~~
~~encoded based on the identifying information are recorded;~~

decoding means for decoding the read data to produce
reproducing data based on the identifying information read
by the reading means; and

reproducing means for preparing the reproducing data
obtained by the decoding means.

19. (currently amended) A recording media in which encoded
data is recorded and in which identifying information which
identifies the recording media that is stored in a device used
for recording the data is recorded,

wherein the encoded data is encoded based on the
identifying information and includes first encoded data
corresponding to a first musical piece and second encoded
data corresponding to a second musical piece, the first
encoded data being different than the second encoded data.